

## Washington-Mexico Fast Facts

- In 2005, Mexico was one of Washington State's 11th largest export customer at \$960 million US <sup>†</sup>
- Since NAFTA went into effect in 1994, Mexico has been one of Washington's fastest growing markets – in agricultural products, computer software, and tourism
- Seattle has had a sister-city relationship with Mazatlan since 1979
- Mexico maintains a consulate in Seattle
- A US-Mexico Chamber of Commerce is located in Greater Seattle as are representatives of the Mexican Trade Commission
- Former Governor Gary Locke led a trade mission to Mexico in 1999 and 2004
- Washington State opened a trade office in Mexico City in 2004
- Washington State Fruit Commission allocated \$15,000 for Northwest cherry consumer promotions in Mexico in 2006
- The Northwest Fruit Exporters of Yakima negotiated an apple price agreement with Mexico in 2005
- Trade Alliance has sponsored two programs with mayors of Mazatlan: the Hon. Alejandro Hignera Osuna in 1999 and the Hon. Martin Gavica in 1994
- Trade Alliance has sponsored two Mexican delegations visiting Seattle: a delegation from Mazatlan/Sinaloa in 1996 and a delegation from Tijuana in 1997

### FAST FACTS - MEXICO

<b>Capital</b>	Mexico City	<b>GDP Official Exchange Rate (2005)</b>	\$699.5 billion
<b>Population (2006*)</b>	107.4 million	<b>GDP growth (2005)</b>	3%
<b>Pop. growth rate (2006*)</b>	1.16%	<b>Per-capita GDP (2005*)</b>	\$10,100
<b>Labor force (2005*)</b>	43.4 million	<b>Inflation (2005*)</b>	3.3%
<b>Imports (2005*)</b>	\$223.7 billion	<b>Exports (2005*)</b>	\$213.7 billion
<b>Major industries</b>	Food and beverages, tobacco, chemicals, iron and steel, petroleum, mining, textiles, clothing, motor vehicles, consumer durables, tourism		

\*Estimate \$= US dollar Source: Central Intelligence Agency, *The World Fact Book 2006* ([www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/mx.html](http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/mx.html))

<sup>†</sup> Office of Trade and Industry Information (OTII), Manufacturing and Services, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. (<http://tse.export.gov/>)

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